



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

September 7, 2023

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

YEARBOOK and ID PICTURES- School pictures will be held during English classes Wednesday, September 20 and Thursday, September 21. If a student has English on A Days, they will go on Wednesday; if they have English on B days, they will go on Thursday. If a student is absent on Wednesday, they can go to F137 on Thursday to get their photo taken during lunch, with teacher permission during class, or before/after school. If a student is absent both days, or would like a retake, Cady will return October 26.

Please note that for 9th-11th grade students, these photos will function as their ID photo and their yearbook photo. For seniors, the photos on these dates will be used for IDs and other identification purposes. Additional opportunities for formal senior portraits for the yearbook will be in October and November. See www.BowieYB.com/seniors for additional information.

To order, go to www.cady.com/pictureday. Save \$10 if you order before September 20! Additionally, the early bird price for our nationally-recognized Lone Star yearbook is now in effect! [Click here to purchase the yearbook at \\$20 off the distribution day price.](#)

LEVEL CHANGE APPLICATION- If a student is considering a level change in or out of an advanced/AP course, applications will open at 8:00 am on September 11 through 5:00 pm on September 15. Teacher committees will review the individual merits of a student's request to adjust the level of rigor in a course within the context of staffing, class size, and other factors. Level change requests are not automatically approved or guaranteed.

To be eligible for consideration for a level change, students must:

1. submit the [Level Change Form](#).
2. have their parent/guardian email their consent for the schedule change to the student's counselor.
3. have a conversation with their current teacher about the application, have attended FIT/tutoring to show their effort in the class, and have all work submitted for the course.
4. have an average below an 80% in an advanced course to be considered to move to its academic counterpart.

Counselors will inform students whether their level change is approved, teachers will inform students if the level change is denied. All schedule changes will go into effect on September 26.



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FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATION- Students that receive free or reduced lunch status must apply annually to continue these services. Last year's free or reduced-price status will expire on September 26, and students will return to a full paid status unless they either complete a meal application or they are approved for state funded meal benefits. Families may apply for state-funded benefits, such as SNAP, at www.yourtexasbenefits.com. Families may apply for district level meal benefits at www.SchoolCafe.com/AustinISD or by submitting a paper application. Paper applications were distributed through Advisory classes the first week of school and are also located in the front office.

STUDENT CONDUCT - Students will be introduced to the [2023-24 Bowie Student/Parent Handbook](#) by their Science teachers during this first grading period, so they are aware of other campus procedures, rules, and consequences. I encourage you to take a look at this helpful resource, which is always available on the Bowie website (bowie.austinschools.org > About Us tab > School Policies). Additionally, Austin ISD updates their Student Code of Conduct each year. The Code of Conduct, otherwise known as the Student Success Guide, was introduced to Bowie students during the first week of school's Advisory lessons. Families can reference the [AISD Student Success Guide in English or Spanish](#) on the Austin ISD website.

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson
Principal